



### REMARKS

The Office Action mailed March 9, 2006 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

#### Rejection(s) Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Cheung et al. (U.S. Pat No. 5,812,531; hereinafter, "Cheung") in view of Ritter et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,570,084; hereinafter, "Ritter") and further in view of Lee et al. (U.S. Pat. Publication No. 2005/0141457; hereinafter, "Lee").

The Office Action acknowledges the failure of Cheung and Ritter to disclose "upon establishment of a communication session between the wireless device and the first access point, transferring information associated with the wireless device to the second access point" as recited in claims 1 and 2. The Office Action proposes to combine Lee with Cheung and Ritter in order to remedy this failure. However, applicants respectfully submit that Lee does not disclose this missing feature, such that even if these three references were properly combined, the presently claimed invention would not result. Specifically, Lee explains in paragraphs [0016]-[0018] that reassociation, in which wireless station (STA) information is sent from one access point to another, begins when a wireless station (STA) senses the need for a handoff." This is different from the presently claimed invention, wherein information is transferred upon establishment of a communication session between the wireless device and the first access point. In the case of Lee, a communication session between the wireless station and a first access point is already established when the wireless station senses the need for a handoff to a second access point and begins to send the re-association information to the second access point. The information is not sent upon establishment of a communication session between the wireless station and the first access point as presently claimed. For this reason at least, claims 1 and 2 are patentable over the combination of Cheung, Ritter and Lee, and the obviousness rejection based on these references should be withdrawn.



Conclusion

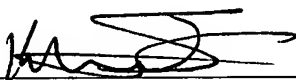
In view of the preceding discussion, Applicants respectfully urge that the claims of the present application define patentable subject matter and should be passed to allowance.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone call would help advance prosecution of the present invention, the Examiner is kindly invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number below.

Please charge any additional required fees, including those necessary to obtain extensions of time to render timely the filing of the instant Amendment and/or Reply to Office Action, or credit any overpayment not otherwise credited, to our deposit account no. 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,  
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